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BILL BRAGG, OUR "JUNIOR CONGRESSMAN"

From Blackstone Courier - Record

Last week the Courier - Record pointed with pride to the record of ourCongressmen from the Fourth Congressional District. We think we might go further this week and point with pride to our "Junior congressman" since 1908. We refer to that delightful and efficient personality, William L. Bragg.

Mr. Bragg has been representing the Fourth Virginia District as the right arm of four Virginia Congressmen from our section. He was first picked by the late Honorable Francis Rives Lassiter in 1908 as his Secretary.

He has continued since that time, serving Congressman Turnbull, Congressman Walter A. Watson and Congressman Patrick Henry Drewry. As a matter of fact, he has been the one who has carried through the plans of the Congressman, for it is impossible for the Congressman to do other than make plans and contacts and vote. Mr. Bragg has been our general manager of legislation for nearly 40 years.

And as we have been proud of our Congressmen, we should be very proud of Mr. Bragg. He resided for a short time in Nottoway County before he lived near Jennings Orchard. He has lived in Brunswick and in Petersburg. He is known throughout the district.

The position of Secretary to a Congressman has become a career position in these days. And the Secretary should not be a politician. Mr. Bragg a politician. We do consider him an able "junior congressman." In conducting these next few weeks when we have no official representation in Washington, Mr. Bragg is laboring in behalf of legislation which would be of interest to the Fourth District. Keep him in Washington.

We say this with no personal interest. Mr. Bragg. We say it believe the Fourth Congressional District needs efficient representation. And Mr. Bragg's record of nearly 40 years will guarantee us that continued efficiency regardless of who may be named by the electorate to take the seat left vacant by Patrick Henry Drewry.

'Take My Word for It!'
By Frank Colby

SO DO PRONUNCIATIONS

An irate reader demands: "People must stop saying 'AD-dress'! Do your duty, Colby, and warn people against this illiterate pronunciation."

Of course, this modest column has for many years sought to guide its readers in the matter of correct pronunciation and good English usage. However, my recommendations have not, I think, been pedantic nor out of step with the times.

I have recognized the very definite trend, in American speech and writing, away from the formal and dignified and toward the colloquial, which is called "the style of well-bred ease."

For this reason, I cannot do as my reader suggests and warn people that the pronunciation "AD-dress," for address (the directions on an envelope, or one's street name and house number), is illiterate. As a matter of fact, "AD-dress" is the prevailing American pronunciation.

Even the dictionaries recognize "AD-dress," and dictionaries are traditionally reluctant to change their listings, even after such listings have become so utterly obsolete as to be ridiculous.

The AD-dress on a letter, or one's residential AD-dress, is sanctioned by Merriam Webster's, the Thorndike Century, and Kenyon and Knott's pronouncing dictionary.

My recommendation is: Use whichever pronunciation you prefer —AD-dress or ad-DRESS. Both are good usage in standard American.

Note, however, that the noun address, "if discourse or speech," and the verb address, "act of addressing," are best usage when accented on the second syllable: ad-DRESS. I should avoid AD-dress in either case.

So, it is good colloquial American to say: "Please give me your AD-dress so that I will know where to ad-DRESS letters to you. I have been invited to ad-DRESS the Rotary club. The subject of my ad-DRESS will be . . ."

(Note. When address is accented on the second syllable, most persons obscure the "a" in the first syllable, thus: uh-DRESS. This, too, is quite correct, and it is a matter of choice.)

Bell Syndicate—WNU Features.

Ranch Owner Claims Water in Clouds Over His Land

The Rocking F ranch, near the California-Nevada border south of Reno, has laid claim to water in all the clouds passing over the ranch.

The claim was filed with the state engineer's office at Carson City by Richard Haman, manager of the 12,000-acre ranch, which is owned by Freeman E. Fairfield, wealthy oil man from Long Beach, Calif.

Haman said the claim was based on the success of recent rain making experiments with dry ice pellets dropped from airplanes.

"We plan to make rain with dry ice over the ranch next spring, and we want to make sure we have full legal rights to the water we produce," Haman said.

The claim was believed to be the first ever filed on water still in clouds.

WHY WE SAY

by SEAN J. COLLINS & L. J. SLAWSON

Today pins are a minor item in the budget but during the 14th Century they were very expensive; therefore, it was customary on January 1st for the husband to give his wife enough money to buy pins for the coming year.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

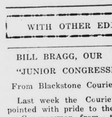
By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: John 4:5-26; Romans 8:12-17, 31-39.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalm 103.

Our Relationship to God

Lesson for January 18, 1948

THE Scripture lesson for Sunday is John 4:5-26 and Romans 8:12-17 and 31-39, with the 103rd Psalm as the devotional reading.



Dr. Newton

The passage in John presents the dramatic story of Jesus meeting with the woman from Sychar at Jacob's well, and of her discovery of the Water of Life.

There is no more convincing evidence anywhere in the Bible of Jesus as the one and only approach to God. He is the Door through which one must pass into the Kingdom, whether bond or free, rich or poor, ignorant or learned, high or low. "I am the truth and the life and the way."

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Jesus Teaches About God

IN THIS great story we see Jesus, wearied from the day's arduous tasks, sitting on the curb of Jacob's well, resting. The disciples had gone across the valley to the village to buy food. The woman comes to draw water from the historic well. She did not notice Jesus until he spoke to her. He is never too busy, never too weary, to seek to bring all men to a knowledge of God's love.

He asked for a drink of water. That was his way of making contact with her. She drew back, wondering why a Jew would speak to a woman in public. But Jesus got past the immediate wall which she threw up between herself and him, and soon was teaching her the way of everlasting life, to which she responded with gratitude.

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How We Worship God

READ John 4:5-26 and see how Jesus led the woman of Sychar to understand true worship. Strangely enough, she knew a good deal about Jewish rites and ceremonies, but she had never known the basic truth that "God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Included in the record of how Jesus taught the woman to worship was the necessity of confessing her sin, having five husbands, and living at the moment with still another man. We cannot worship God if there is unconfessed sin in our hearts.

We often miss the joy of true worship because we fail to confess our sins. God looketh upon the heart. If there is sin in our hearts, it must be forgiven.

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Our Need of God

"IF YE live after the flesh, ye shall die," Romans 8:13. Here is a solemn truth that many seem to forget — apart from God we are dead. The young person who undertakes to live with eating food will soon discover that his body is wasting away and his mind is broken and dissipated. Just so with the spirit of man. We are spiritual creatures, made in the image of God. If we live by the flesh, we die spiritually.

In the preceding chapters in Romans, Paul has shown how sin worketh death. He sets forth the penalties that result from carnal thinking and behavior. But in the 16th verse he comes on to say:

"It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are the sons of God, or children of God," Romans 8:16.

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Strong in the Lord

OUR age has made much of "might — might that expresses itself in speed. We think in terms of atomic power. This lesson would help us to understand that we may be strong in the Lord. All power is with him. "All power hath been given me in heaven and on earth," said Jesus.

And this leads us to the climax of Sunday's lesson, when Paul declares:

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," Romans 8:38, 39.

Satan had the woman of Sychar completely in his power until the grace of God lifted her feet upon the Rock of Ages. She could then stand in the midst of the people of Sychar and declare that she had met One who had released her from the bondage of sin. That is what will happen in every heart that comes to God through Jesus Christ.

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Hampton Roads Hits Record Coal Tonnage

Historic Harbor Compiles New Top in Export Trade.

WASHINGTON — Virginia's Hampton Roads, spacious anchorage for fighting vessels since the early days of the United States navy, exports leaf tobacco in far greater volume than any other American port.

But coal, not tobacco, is the big reason why this harbor has in recent months compiled a top export tonnage among United States ports.

Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News and Hampton cluster around the broad, deep roadstead through which the James, Nansemond and Elizabeth rivers enter lower Chesapeake bay.

They comprise a commerce-teeming community of close to half a million people, says National Geographic society.

They provide 20 miles of developed waterfront on the harbor's 50-mile rim.

Large as is the traffic in tobacco and tobacco products, grain, lumber and logs, cotton, textiles, paper products and chemicals, 95 per cent of current export is coal. The coal flow now runs at about the 20-million-ton total of prewar years, which at times exceeded the combined coal shipments of other Atlantic coast ports.

Three-fourths of the coal tonnage normally moves coastwise, particularly to northeastern United States cities. One-eighth or more moves to foreign ports, and the remainder goes into ships' bunkers in the harbor.

Three of eight railroads which enter the Hampton Roads area are devoted almost exclusively to bringing coal from the vast bituminous fields centered 400 rail miles inland from the port in mountainous West Virginia.

A belt line, owned equally by the eight trunk lines, expedites freight distribution among terminals, factories and warehouses of the port.

Sheltered and always free of ice-free, Hampton Roads has a mean annual temperature of 59.4 degrees, and a tide rise of only 2½ feet.

Central in location among Atlantic coast ports, it can accommodate 50 ocean vessels at its piers at one time.

Hampton Roads, never crowded despite unceasing traffic, ranks as the finest natural harbor between New York and Rio de Janeiro.

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This Message Contributed by Appomattox Hardware Co.

Man 'To Poor' to Retire, Leaves a $50,000 Estate

DALLAS, TEX. — Edward M. Harris, 71, an armature winder for the Dallas streetcar and bus system, told fellow workers a week before his death, "I'm too poor to retire."

His temporary administrator, C. W. Hudson, reported Harris left a $50,000 estate—$25,125 of it hidden in his quarters.

With Harris' sister, Mrs. Oscar Burton of Tyler, and his niece, Miss Bessie Vogt of Corpus Christi, Hudson searched the rubbish littered three room shack where Harris had lived alone.

In a roll of linoleum they found $5,570. A locked tool box gave up $10,460. A washtub, filled with sand contained $7,510. A broken record player concealed 841 dimes and a table near his bed contained $1,200 in bonds.

Indelible Lipstick Blamed For Inflammation of Lips

CHICAGO.—Ladies, if your lips are cracked, swollen, dry or burning, it may be only because they are ultra sensitive to the dye which makes certain lipsticks "indelible." Three Chicago dermatologists, Dr. Samuel J. Zakon, Dr. Aaron L. Goldberg and Julius B. Kahn, B.S., reporting in the Archives of Dermatology and Syphilology, stated they found indelible lipsticks were the cause of lipstick dermatitis in 32 cases in one year. The cure? Change to a lipstick which makes no claims to indelibility, they advise.

Lucky Charm High School Ring Returns From Okinawa

PITTSBURGH. — When Seaman William F. Cornman lost his lucky charm high school ring on Okinawa during the war, he figured his chances for getting a new luck piece were considerably better than for finding his old one.

He reckoned without the honesty and luck of Seabee Robert Walker of Carbondale, Pa.

Walker found the ring among seashells on a Guam beach several months later and returned it to its owner through identification stamped inside the ring.

Caught So Many Sharks He Lands Job in Saudi Arabia

MOREHEAD CITY, N. C. — Cecil Nelson caught so many sharks he landed himself a job in Saudi Arabia.

The government of that Near East country hired him to teach the Red sea coastal natives how to catch sharks.

Bureau of fisheries records show that Nelson marked 8,000 sharks [illegible] in one season.

Ax, Not Fires, Foe of Forests

Harvesting of Timber and Lack of New Growth Are Major Menaces.

WASHINGTON. — What is the biggest destroyer of American forests?

Fire? No. It's the most spectacular, but it ranks only fourth among the major enemies of our dwindling national woodpile.

No. 1 long-range menace, according to United States forest service records, is the harvesting of timber without providing sound methods for its replacement. Service officials say reasonably good management of the forests would double the tree growth.

Second biggest drain is waste in logging and manufacturing. Only 45 per cent by weight of the wood cut or destroyed in logging or import appears in products other than fuel. Some 35 per cent is not used at all. The remaining 22 per cent is used as fuel, much of it inefficiently.

Damage by Insects.

Third biggest drain is damage by insects and diseases. The loss from these is estimated at 622 million cubic feet a year, compared with an average annual fire destruction of 460 million cubic feet.

Every year the cut and kill of saw timber in the United States is one and a half times as large as the growth. The current annual growth of saw timber is 35,301,000,000 board feet. The "drain is 53,893,000,000 board feet.

The forest service says one way to get "a reasonable commodity cut from the forest" is to take as much of the harvest as practicable in the form of poor and partially defective trees and in trees of the less desirable species. This would leave more of the straight and more desirable trees for future growth toward high-quality products.

Value Destroyed.

Weeding, improved cutting, thinning and pruning in young stands greatly increase the potential value of later harvests.

A survey by the forest service shows that 71 per cent of the owners of small woodlands cut their trees in such a way that the cut-over land has no timber value left, or almost none.

The small owners' poor cutting practices are so serious because three-fourths of the private commercial forest acreage is in 4,200,000 small holdings of less than 5,000 acres.

The average size of these woodlands is 62 acres.

The forest service found that cutting practices are generally much better on the large tracts of timberland held by lumber companies and pulp companies, and on public lands.

Tooth Decay Reduced by New Method, Dentists Are Told

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—A newly developed method for use of sodium fluoride to cut tooth decay by an estimated 50 per cent was revealed by Dr. Basil G. Bibby, director of Eastman dental dispensary.

Bibby, who began his experiments at University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry before the war, said the sodium fluoride was mixed with distilled water and applied to the surface of the teeth.

"Apparently the fluoride is absorbed through the surface of the teeth and hardens the calcium phosphate of the tooth's enamel," he explained.

Tests performed on portions of children's dentures showed 40 per cent less decay in the treated teeth than on non-treated areas, Bibby said. The dentist added that although best results were obtained with children between 10 and 13 years of age, the process also worked "favorably" on adults.

U. S. Scientists Follow Seal Herds to Arctic Sea

WASHINGTON. — U. S. scientists have branded 20,000 seal pups at Alaska's Pribilof islands and are following them out past the Aleutians to determine whether they migrate into Japanese or Soviet waters. Lest the government tread upon international toes, however, the scientists have been ordered to halt their westward journey at the international date line. Where the seals go beyond that point will remain a matter of conjecture.

"We want to find out whether the entire herd goes down the Canadian-U. S. coast or whether it splits, part of it traveling westward into Soviet and Japanese waters," Dr. Gustav A. Swanson, chief of the fish and wildlife service, said.

Eloquent Missionary Is Given Jeep, Five Bikes as She Sails

BOSTON. —An eloquent 55-year-old missionary was on her way back to Africa with a jeep station wagon and five bicycles to help native pastors spread Christianity through the bush.

Miss Mary W. Huribut of Sedalia, Mo., procured the vehicles through the American Board of Foreign Missions, Boston, to speed up missionary service around Elende, West Africa — an area as large as New York state.

A Congregational Christian teacher there since 1924, she recently concluded a year's furlough.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, Jan. 13.- Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson and son were dinner guests Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layne and daughter, Pauline and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Almond spent Sunday afternoon at Lynchburg General Hospital with Miss Annie Montague, who is a patient there.

Arthur Martin, of Lynchburg, spent the week-end in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Cyrus, here.

Miss Gwendolyn Paulette, of Evergreen was the supper guest Sunday of Mrs. Julian Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Jennings spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Puckett.

Spout Spring, Jan. 13.- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Walton, Mr. Walker Walton and daughter, Shirley were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Carson Sunday .

David Cyrus, Jr. is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Brooks, of Lynchburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. F.M. Shirey, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is much improved.

Rev. and Mrs. William Moon and daughters visited his parents last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shirey, of Lynchburg were guests of his parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn, of Lynchburg were recent guests of Miss Clarkie Cheatham.

Helen Martin celebrated her 7th birthday Saturday.

Sara Ann Adams celebrated her sixth birthday Sunday.

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